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STREAMLINED SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING MODIFICATIONS APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications **listed below**:

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767. Pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, and Executive Order No. 10530, reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, each applicant seeks: (a) the grant of a cable landing license; (b) the modification of a cable landing license; and/or (c) the assignment or transfer of control of an interest in a submarine cable landing license.

Pursuant to its decision in *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, IB Docket No. 00-106, FCC 01-332, 16 FCC Rcd 2216767 Fed. Reg. 1615 (Jan. 14, 2002) and section 1.767 of the rules, the Commission will take action upon these applications within fortyfive (45) days after release of this public notice, unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing that the application, upon further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

Ex parte communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. Filings relating to this application must be received within 14 days of this notice. Such filings will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

By this notice, we inform the public that submarine cable landing license applications and international section 214 applications that are part of larger transactions involving multiple Commission licenses or authorizations may involve "extraordinary circumstances" as referenced in *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001), and *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market*, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC

Rcd 23891 (1997), para. 327-28; Order on Reconsideration., 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000). Additionally, these extraordinary circumstances may result where Executive Branch agencies petition the Commission to defer decision on certain transactions pending the resolution of potential national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues. Accordingly, these applications may not be acted on within the 90-day review period that the Commission has established as the period of time normally required to reach a decision on non-streamlined cable landing license and international section 214 applications. This notice shall serve as public notice to applicants that, in these circumstances, additional time may be required for Commission review and final action. No additional formal public notice will be provided routinely with respect to specific applications in the event that the applicable review period extends beyond 90 days.

Copies of all applications listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

SCL-MOD-20020925-00094 Caribbean Crossings Ltd.

Submarine Cable Landing License

Caribbean Crossing Ltd. seeks authority to build second fiber optic submarine cable system for the provision of a self-healing ring between the Bahamas and Boca Raton, Florida on the Bahamas Internet Cable System which was granted on June 20, 2000 (see 15 FCC Rcd 10818 (2000)), and has been in service since August 2001.

The proposed second cable for the Bahamas Internet Cable System will have identical specifications as the initial cable. Specifically, it will be a high capacity fiber optic link between Boca Raton, Florida and the Bahamas, comprised of twelve (12) fiber pairs with a capacity of 2.5 Gbps using one fiber pair. The ultimate network capacity will be thirty (30) Gbps using the twelve (12) fiber pair at 2.5 Gbps per pair. With today's technology, using 40 wavelengths per fiber pair, the ultimate network capacity for this upgraded design is 1, 200 Gbps. Design life of the system is twenty-five (25) years. The Ready for Service ("RFS") date for the self-healing ring of Bahamas Internet Cable System is first quarter 2003.

REMINDERS:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003.

The Commission most recently amended its rules application to submarine cable landing licensees in IB Docket No. 00- 106, *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, FCC 01-332, released December 14, 2001, 67 Fed. Reg. 1615 (Jan. 14, 2001). An updated version of section 1.767 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/telecomrules.html>. See also <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edoc public/attachmatch/DA 02-5981A1.pdf> for a March 13, 2002 Public Notice; <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs public/attachmatch/FCC 01-332A1.pdf> for the December 14, 2001 Report and Order.